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Construction Begins on State Route 138

San Bernardino County – Caltrans announces the start of a construction project on State Route 138 from west of Interstate 15 to Los Angeles County Line. The preliminary work began on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Motorist safety is Caltrans number one priority. A number of improvements are planned that will enhance safety while traveling on SR-138, including:

- Construct west and eastbound truck climbing lanes
- Rehabilitate pavement
- Widen shoulders to 8 feet
- Realign curve west of Lone Pine Canyon

The \$44 million project is expected to be complete in spring 2008. To expedite the project and insure safety to motorists and workers, construction crews will close two sections of the route over the next two summers. In addition, flagging will take place on the route Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Minor delays are expected during traffic control.

- SR-138 from SR-2 to Beekley Rd. will be closed from June 19, 2006 through September 19, 2006
- SR-138 from SR-2 to Hess Rd. will be closed from June 19, 2007 through September 19, 2007 (exact dates to be determined next year)

As listed above, the two, full closure sections will remain closed 24-hours a day, seven days a week during those dates. During the closures the following detours are available.

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- **2006 summer detour:** SR-138 from SR-2 to Beekley Rd. closure – use SR-138 east to I-15 north to US 395 north. Then go west on SR-18 back to SR-138.
- **2007 summer detour:** SR-138 from SR-2 to Hess Rd. closure – use SR-138 west to SR-18 east. Then go to US 395 south to I-15 to SR-138 west.

Motorists may sign up for updates on this project by emailing terri_kasinga@dot.ca.gov. For updates on Riverside and San Bernardino county state highway work, please go to our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 and click on “Press Releases” or call (800) 383-4631 for information.

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